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Annapolis Environmental Commission

July 1, 2015

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on July 1, 2015 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Vice Chair** Kissel called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Members Present: Chair Murphy, Vice Chair Kissel, Powell, Dr. Riegel, Buchheister, Butler (by phone)

Members Absent: Kiraly, Weber, O'Leary

Staff Present: Matthews

Guest Present: Kate Baker

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Powell asked **Chair** Murphy if he had received the technical review on the trifold intended on educating developers/homeowner on solar panels and Chair Murphy indicated that he had received the information and is in the process of getting the information posted on the City's webpage.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. MEETING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Buchheister moved approval of the June 3, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. Dr. Riegel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

It was agreed that if there were suggested edits to the draft minutes that it would be sent to the group as a whole and if there are any objections to the edits then it should be sent to the **Chair** for comment. Once agreed upon then the edit would be sent to Ms. Hook for incorporation into the minutes.

B. EMC's September Topic – Tree Canopy

Programmed Open Space

Chair Murphy reported that the EMC does not meet in August and the September meeting discussion will focus on the tree canopy. The AEC had a general discussion regarding programmed open space.

Actions:

The subcommittee (Powell, Buchheister, Kissel) will draft a letter to be presented at the EMC July 16, 2015 meeting proposing a plan regarding the accumulating POS funds to be circulated to the AEC via email for review.

Tree Canopy

The AEC had a general discussion regarding the tree canopy. Ms. Buchheister suggested inviting a member of the Chesapeake Bay Alliance to discuss tree canopy.

Forest Conservation Act

Dr. Riegel suggested that the AEC offer support on the efforts for a stronger Forest Conservation Act.

C. 2016 Chairman Position

Chair Murphy explained that the AEC has to hold its annual election of the **Chair** position in the new year so asked members to consider whether they would be interested serving as **Chair**.

D. Recycling and Methods - Baker

Ms. Baker briefed the AEC on the findings of her community recycling audit explaining that recyclables are still being placed in the trash. She asked for input from the AEC on how to improve recycling in her community.

Actions:

Ms. Baker will draft a letter regarding some suggestions on how to improve recycling in City and suggestions on the policy changes to make it easier for residents to recycle for the AEC to review.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Quality

Ms. Buchheister contacted the Naval Academy who provided July 13 or July 30, 2015 as possible dates for the tour of the Naval Academy stormwater projects. The AEC agreed on July 16, 2015 in the afternoon.

Actions:

Ms. Buchheister will arrange for the tour on July 16, 2015 at 4:00pm or 4:30pm to include parking so will send out the arrangements via email.

2. Development

Mr. Biba provided the written status report on the developments noted below.

- a. **Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals** – Ms. Butler gave a brief update on her attendance at the meeting.
- b. **Crystal Spring Update** – It was reported there is a work session scheduled for July 15, 2015 with the Planning Commission. The AEC will resubmit the last comments with some modifications.
- c. **Thomas Woods**
- d. **Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane**
- e. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**
- f. **The Enclave at Spa Road**
- g. **Hayes Annexation Property**
- h. **Rocky Gorge**
- i. **Griscom Square**
- j. **Annapolis Neck Annexation (Samaras Property)**
- k. **Bay Village**

3. Energy – Renewal Energy/Parking Garage

Chair Murphy reported that the City now has a contract on the Energy Park and construction is anticipated for 2016.

4. Outreach/Recycling

The subcommittee had nothing to report.

IV. DNEP REPORT

There were no reports.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Solar

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

2. Intern/Volunteer

Chair Murphy noted that there is still a need for an intern so this will be a standing agenda item.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next AEC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street. Mr. Powell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Ms. Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Riegel not present at vote)

Tami Hook, Recorder